policies and decisions of the Government and NPPA etc. Follow up action has been initiated on the recommendations of the Committee made in its interim report.

Revival of Talcher fertilizer plant

† 3896. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal for revival of Talcher fertilizer plant of Fertilizer Corporation of India; if so, the outline thereof; and

(b) if not, whether Government are considering on handing over the said plant to private sector, if so, the details of the action-plan thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The coal based fertilizer plants Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. at Talcher was closed due to its techno-economic unviability. The revival of the plant is possible only through setting up a new-modern fertilizer plant based on viable feedstock.

(b) No such proposal is pending.

Drug Pricing Policy

3897. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of various instances where drug companies are pricing their medicines very high, having no relevance to their intrinsic value;

(b) whether the matter has been investigated and if so, the outcome of the findings; and

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.